

## PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Printing of Oil Record Book and Garbage Record Book

#### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek members' view on the provision of Oil Record Book and Garbage Record Book for sale by the Government of HKSAR.

#### Background

2. Hong Kong Marine Department has for many years requested Information Services Department to print the Oil Record Book and Garbage Record Book for sale to the shipping industry. The books published for sale are bilingual in both English and Chinese languages. They consist of Part I and Part II for the Oil Record Book, and in a single volume for the Garbage Record Book. The Oil Record Book (Part I) costs HK\$16.00, Oil Record Book (Part II) costs HK\$40.00 and the Garbage Record Book costs HK\$48.00. Ship operators in Hong Kong can also purchase the Record Books from ship supplies stores and other publication offices other than Government Publication Offices.

3. Sales records of the Oil Record Book and the Garbage Record Book in the past 4 years are:-

Year	Oil Record Book (Part I)	Oil Record Book (Part II)	Garbage Record Book
2000	710	-	30
2001	669	97	94
2002	1013	148	86
2003	1361	228	177

4. In the past years only a limited number of Garbage Record Book and Oil Record Book was sold to operators of locally licensed vessels and Hong Kong registered vessels. Due to the frequent new amendments necessary for these Books, the Books left in stock often became unsuitable for use, and the surplus in stock would have to be replaced by their new version.

### **Proposal**

5. With such low demand of the Record Books, to provide the Oil Record Book and Garbage Record Book for sale to public by the Government of HKSAR is not cost effective. It is therefore proposed that the Government of the HKSAR will cease to print these Record Books for sale in the future when the current stock runs out. It is anticipated that such an arrangement should not affect ship operators significantly as these Books can still be bought from private ship store suppliers and private publication offices.

### **Consultation**

6. Members' view is sought on the above proposal.

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